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1. STATE Maryland
 COUNTY Allegany
 TOWN Cumberland VICINITY
 STREET NO. Mechanic St. (etc.)

ORIGINAL OWNER
 ORIGINAL USE
 PRESENT OWNER Canada Hose Co.
 PRESENT USE Meeting house
 WALL CONSTRUCTION Brick
 NO. OF STORIES 2

 HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
 INVENTORY

2. NAME CANADA HOSE COMPANY--1
 Canada Hose Co. (Vigilant #3)
 DATE OR PERIOD 1845
 STYLE
 ARCHITECT
 BUILDER

3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC yes

- 1830--Dec.10--Cumberland Fire Engine Company, organized at Newman's Hotel, known as Canada Company.
- 1837--Fire Engine known as Gooseneck purchased. Given to Canada to Hose Company by authorities along with 4 ladders, 3 hooks, 1839 4 axes and \$30 toward erecting a fire-house.
- Cumberland Hose Company organized; meetings held in Wither's Tannery on Mechanic Street where the engine was kept.
- 1845--Engine House erected on Mechanic Street at Blue Spring.
- 1838--Dec.15--MOUNTAINEER HOSE COMPANY had organized.
- 1850--Fire Engine called "The Cumberland" (nicknamed the Dutch Chest) was purchased.
- 1851--Nov. 2--Firemen's Parade. Among companies were: Mountaineer Co., Pioneer Co., Vigilant Co.
- 1852--Fire Engine purchased by active membership of Fire Companies, it's membership being 100 men.
- 1853--July 9--Land for Fire Engine House--corner Liberty Street, and Hoffman's Alley--99 year lease to Mayor & City Council.
 Liber 10, Folio 27
- 1854--Lease (99 yr) of land southeast corner Frederick and Centre Street from John H. Young to Mayor & City Council
 Liber 11, Folio 9
- 1871--Mountaineer Company disbanded; some joined Pioneer Company.
- 1873--Aug. 26--Land known as Mountaineer Engine House property sold at Public Sale (same land--July 9, 1852 deal).
 Vigilant Hose Company organized at Washington Hall. Sixty active members with eleven contributing members. Incorporated in 1874. Engine house erected on Smallwood Street near Washington Street proved inconvenient.over..

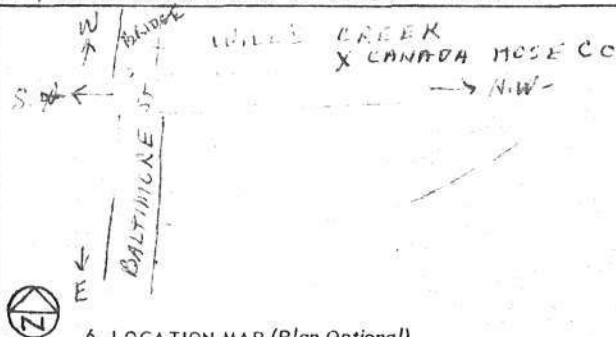
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE

Endangered

Interior

Good

Exterior V. Good



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

3. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

Courthouse research--Helen Hinkle
 Scharf History, Lowdermilk and
 Thomas History research--
 Hinkle and Hansrote.
 Newspaper clippings (undated)

9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER

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 Allegany County, Md.
 Oct. 11, 1970

DATE OF RECORD

- 1873--PIONEER ROSE CO. with Steam Engine located Henry, Centre and Frederick Streets.
- 1877--Hose Co. No.5 Arch Street, South Cumberland formed. 200 active members.
- 1878--Fire-house erected on Oldtown Road, northside of Railroad--short distance from old building. Their engine was "Old Cumberland, the old Dutch Chest".....Scharf History.
- 1904--Deed to straighten out property lines due to crooked Mill Race mentions "Northerly wall of Pioneer Fire Company to Bell Tower".
- 1906--Mar.26--Firemen paid for full time service. Central Fire Company began.
South End Station on Browning Street opened.
- 1907--Vigilant Fire Stion moved from Smallwood Street to Spruce Alley between Cumberland and Fayette Streets.
- 1918--First motorized equipment purchased. Horse-drawn vehicles gradually withdrawn.
- 1924--East-side Fire Station established.
- 1927--Vigilant Fire Station moved from Spruce Alley to Greene St.

South End Fire Station established at Race and Third Streets.

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Central Fire Station on Town Square slated to be torn down by Urban Renewal--1970.



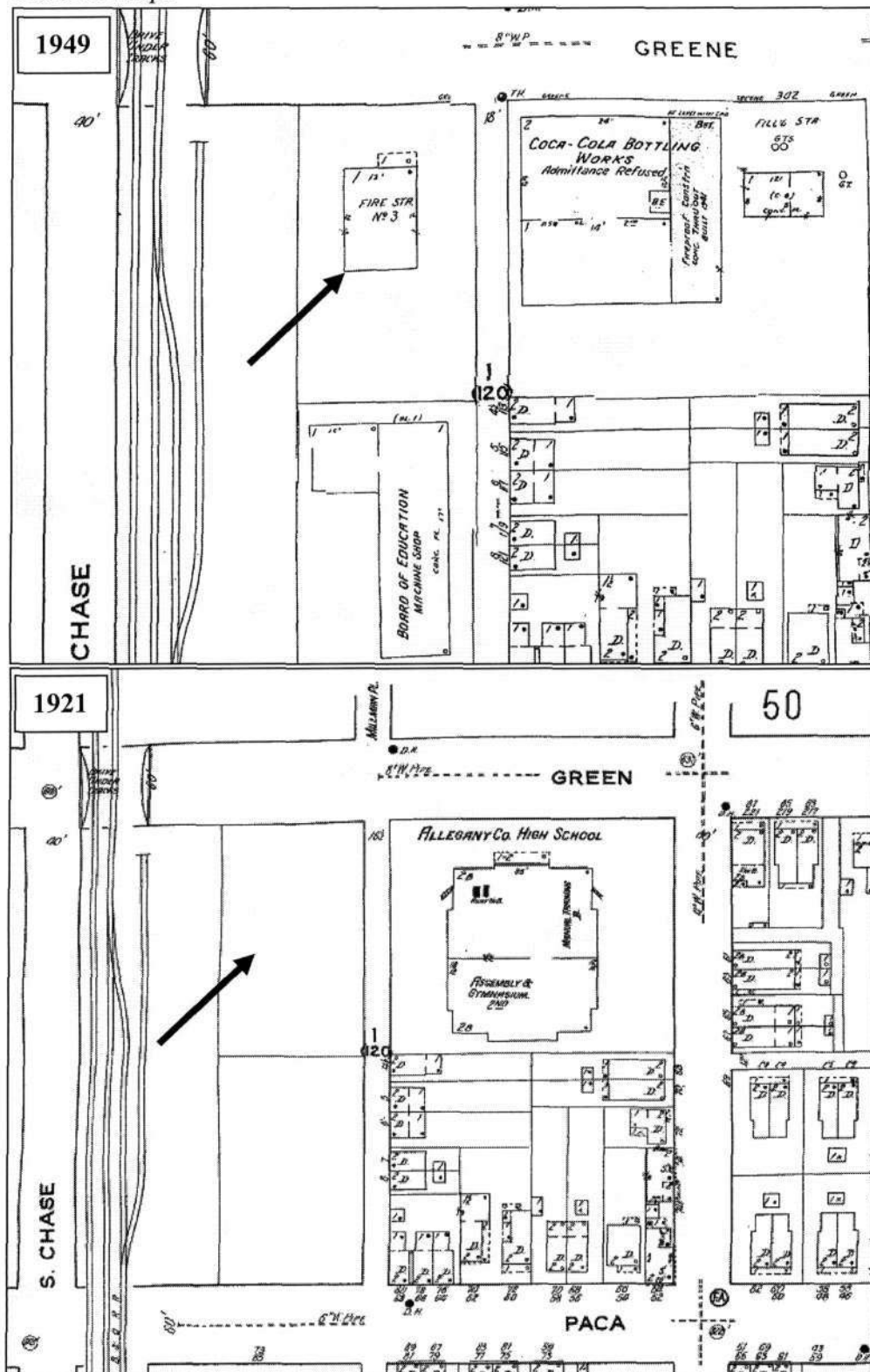
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Vigilant Fire Station (Engine Company No. 3)

320 Greene Street

Sanborn Maps

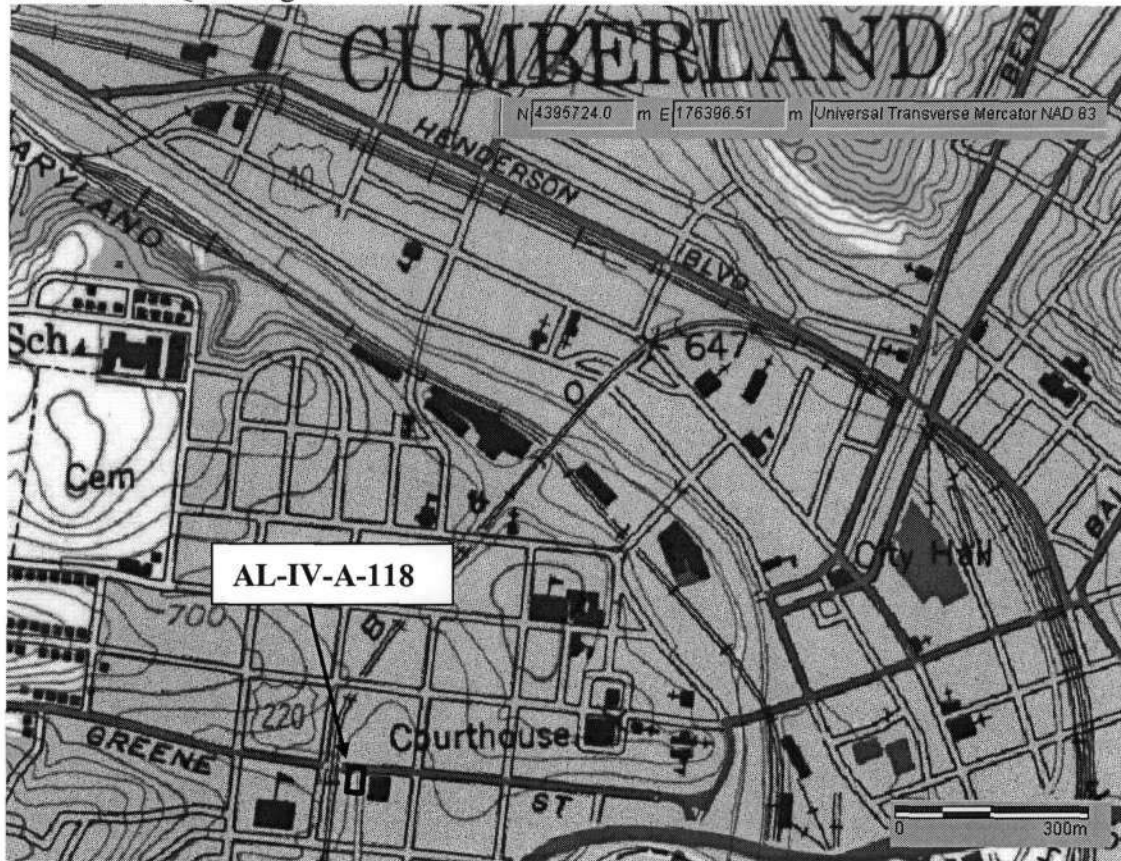


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Cumberland Quadrangle



1994-95 Aerial Photo

